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**UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR TRADE FACILITATION AND ELECTRONIC BUSINESS
(UN/CEFACT)**

DECISIONS MADE AT THE THIRTEENTH PLENARY SESSION, 14 – 16 MAY 2007

TRADE/CEFACT/C/2007/MISC.1

Decisions taken at the thirteenth UN/CEFACT Plenary session

Decision 07-01:

The agenda was approved with the suggested changes.

Decision 07-02:

The Plenary took note of the reports on the outcomes related to the stakeholder sessions for countries, sectors and standards development organizations.

Decision 07-03:

The Plenary took note of the report of the Forum Management Group (FMG) and reports from the permanent groups and requested the FMG to update the mandates and terms of reference of the permanent groups immediately after the Plenary so that they can be submitted for intersessional approval as an addendum to the report of the thirteenth Plenary.

Decision 07-04:

The Plenary requested the secretariat to submit the reports, mandates and terms of reference of the permanent groups to the Committee on Trade for approval and subsequent submission to the UNECE Executive Committee.

Decision 07-05:

The Plenary took note of document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/7 (Developments by expert groups: deliverables and priorities of the Information Content Management Group, ICG) and endorsed the updates of the following code lists approved by the ICG:

- Revision 4 of Recommendation 20 “Units of Measure” in document CEFACT/ICG/2006/IC001 with a code annex
- Revision 3 of Recommendation 23 “Freight Cost Code – FCC Harmonization of the Description of Freight Costs and Other Charges” in document CEFACT/ICG/2007/IC001 with a code annex
- Revision 4 of Recommendation 24 “Trade and Transport Status Codes” in document CEFACT/ICG/2007/IC002 with a code annex.
- Revision 2 of Recommendation 28 “Codes of Types of Means of Transport” in document CEFACT/ICG/2007/IC003 with a code annex.

The Plenary also took note of the following ICG releases:

- Two UN/EDIFACT Directory releases D06A and D06B
- Two UN/CEFACT Core Component Library (CCL) releases D06A and D06B
- UN/CEFACT e-Tendering Candidate XML Schema release
- UN/CEFACT Cross Industry Invoice (CII) Candidate XML Schema release

Decision 07-06:

The Plenary noted the intersessional approval of the following Business Requirements Specifications:

- ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/8 Business Requirements Specification Cross-Border Supply Chain (UNeDocs)
- ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/10 Project Schedule and Cost Performance Management Business Requirements Specification

- ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/11 Small-Scale Lodging House Information Process
- ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/28 UN/CEFACT Business Requirements Specification Material Safety Data Sheet Business Requirements Specification

Decision 07-07

In response to concerns about the translation of document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/28 and the terminology used, the Plenary decided that corrigenda would be issued to the French and Russian versions indicating the correct translation of the term “material safety” (which may be related to “dangerous goods” and “hazardous waste”). The Plenary also requested that a further corrigendum be issued to the English version so that international readers who are searching for information on dangerous goods and hazardous waste data will be able to identify that this document is relevant to their needs. The English corrigendum will be prepared on the basis of consultations between the secretariat, the delegation of France and the team leader for this project within the Forum. In addition, the digital version of the original English document will include a reference to this corrigendum.

Decision 07-08:

The Plenary approved the UN/CEFACT Open Development Process (ODP) as contained in document TRADE/R.650/Rev.4/Add.1/Rev.1. It requested the secretariat to inform the UN/CEFACT community and all stakeholders accordingly and place the new ODP on the UN/CEFACT website, where other relevant rules and guidelines are kept.

Decision 07-09:

The Plenary took note of the allocation of secretariat support to UN/CEFACT.

Decision 07-10:

The Plenary took note of the reports of the regional rapporteurs and congratulated them on their work to further improve UN/CEFACT’s outreach in the Asia-Pacific and African regions.

Decision 07-11:

The Plenary confirmed the transfer of tasks related to standards liaison work to a Vice-Chair and congratulated Mr. François Vuilleumier on his outstanding work as Standards Liaison Rapporteur over the years.

Decision 07-12

The Plenary mandated the Bureau to further progress the proposed electronic Business, Government and Trade (eBGT) initiative and to prepare the necessary documentation for intersessional approval.

Decision 07-13:

The Plenary approved UN/CEFACT’s Programme of Work for 2008 – 2009 (document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/20) and requested the secretariat to submit the document to the Committee on Trade for approval and subsequent submission to the UNECE Executive Committee.

Decision 07-14:

The Plenary requested the Bureau and the secretariat to review and revise document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/24 “Procedures for projects for developing standards and recommendations that are joint projects or are supported by extrabudgetary or in-kind contributions” in the light of the electronic Business, Government and Trade (eBGT) initiative.

Decision 07-15:

The Plenary noted document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/25 and corrigendum 1 containing “Guidelines to Trade Facilitation Benchmarking”.

Decision 07-16:

The Plenary noted document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2007/27 containing the final report of the United Nations Development Account project, “Capacity-building in trade facilitation and electronic business in the Mediterranean (E-Med Business)”.

Decision 07-17:

The Plenary elected Mr. Stuart Feder as Chair of UN/CEFACT and Mr. Sangwon Lim as Rapporteur for Asia for 2007 – 2009. The Plenary confirmed the elections of the Forum Management Group (FMG), which had been intersessionally approved after the October 2006 UN/CEFACT Forum in New Delhi.

Decision 07-18:

The Plenary adopted the decisions made at the thirteenth session and requested the secretariat to include them in the final report, which will be circulated for intersessional approval.

Decision 07-19:

The Plenary decided tentatively to hold the fourteenth session from 1 to 5 September 2008.
